



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Att r n y Docket N . 023843/0101

Applicant: Steven B. BRIDGERS

Title: INTERNODAL CONNECTOR ARCHITECTURE SYSTEM

Application No.: 09/729,743

Filing Date: December 6, 2000

Examiner: Ferguson, Michael P.

Art Unit: 3679

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on ____.
 Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ____ but not considered.
 Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____.

b. Enclosed are:

- Amendment Accompanying RCE.
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 Information Disclosure Statement.
 Form PTO-1449 with copies of 14 listed reference(s).

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Miscellaneous:

Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$770.00	= \$770.00
Total Claims:	71	- 98	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents	23	- 8	= 15	x \$86.00	= \$1290.00
				First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$290.00	= \$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL: =	\$2060.00

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	0	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:			\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$2060.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$1,030.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:			\$1,030.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$1,030.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$1,030.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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